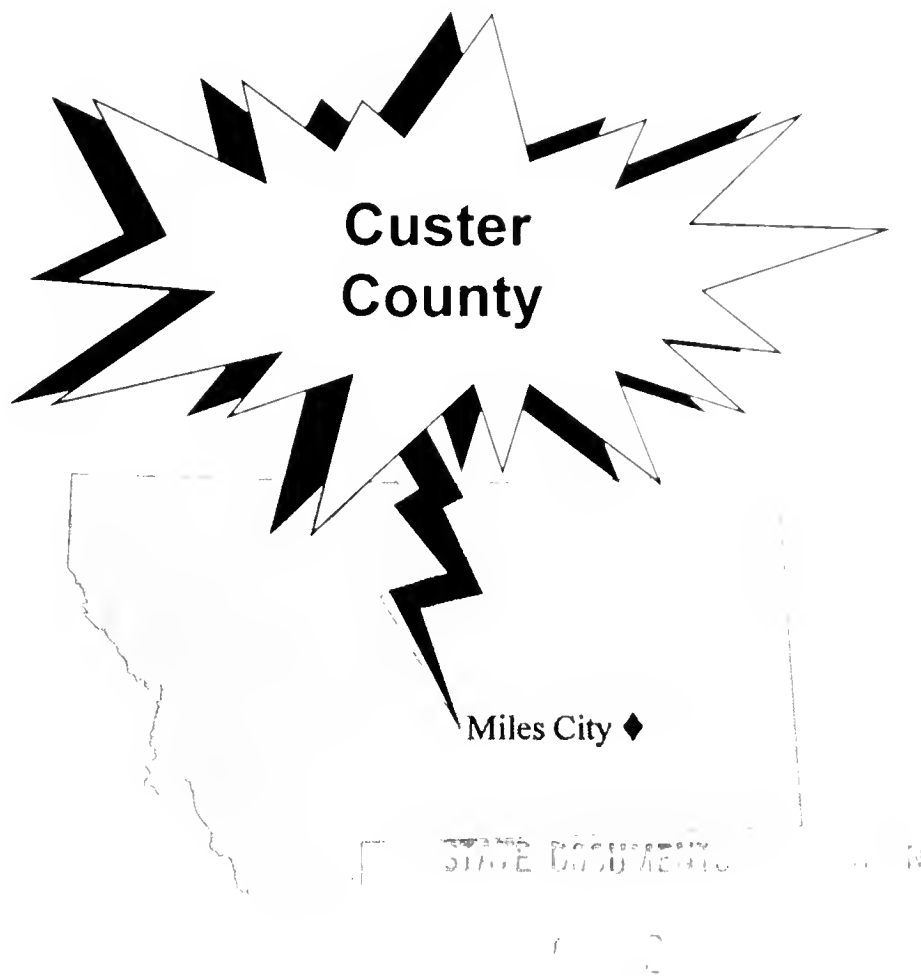


Montana Department of Labor and Industry Labor Market Information for



Cities and Towns in Custer County

Ismay ♦ Kinsey ♦ Miles City ♦ Volborg

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

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Custer County

Located in southeastern Montana, Custer County is Montana's 15th most populous with 11,697 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Miles City, the county seat, is the state's 10th largest city with a population of 8,461. The city has been a major trade and services center for more than 100 years. Ranching and farming remain the foundation of the area's economy. Nicknamed the "Cowboy Capital of Montana," Miles City is host to the world famous Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale held annually in May.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1877 and named for Lt. Col. George A. Custer killed in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. The county was originally part of the old Big Horn County. The authors note Miles City takes its name from Civil War and Indian wars veteran Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Custer County households in 1989 was \$21,348. The county is 3,793.4 square miles in area; 3,783.3 square miles in land area and 10.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 5.7 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 88.9 and average January snowfall 5.6 inches. The annual precipitation in 1995 was 12.90 inches and the length of the growing season 129 days.

Custer County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Custer County	12,115	12,169	11,697	3.6%	4.0%
Ismay	Not Available	20	19	Not Available	5.3%
Miles City	Not Available	8,882	8,461	Not Available	5.0%

1997 New Businesses by Industry

Custer County

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88	Private Households	2
2	Agricultural Production-Livestock & Animal Specialties	1
7	Agricultural Services	1
16	Heavy Construction other than Building Construction-Contractors	1
27	Printing, Publishing & Allied Industries	1
47	Transportation Services	1
50	Durable Goods-Wholesale Trade	1
56	Apparel & Accessory Stores	1
57	Furniture & Home Furnishings	1
62	Security & Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges & Services	1
65	Real Estate	1
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps & Other Lodging Places	1
75	Auto-Repair Services	1
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	TOTAL	28

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis

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First Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information

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Resources

Chamber of Commerce:

Miles City Area Chamber 901 Main St. Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-2890

Department of Labor and Industry

Miles City Job Service

12 N. 10th St. Miles City, MT 59301 406-232-8340

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>

⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings

⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>
Cities of Ismay, Kinsey, Miles City and Volborg Home Pages- Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities

⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers' Licensing

Miles City- Courthouse 406-232-2821

⇒ Newspapers:

Miles City Star, P.O. Box 1216, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-0450

⇒ Public Libraries:

Miles City Public Library, 15 S. 10th St. Miles City, MT 59301-3398,
406-232-1496

⇒ Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Community Colleges

Miles City Community College 2715 Dickinson St. Miles City, MT 59301,
406-232-3031

⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Cottonwood Elementary, HC 80 Box 18, Ismay, MT 59336 406-772-5722
Hockett-Basin Spring Creek Elementary, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-0578
Kinsey Elementary, Kinsey, MT 59338 406-232-0535
Kircher Elementary, Route 1 Box 2352, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-4796
Miles City Public Schools, 1604 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3840
Moon Creek Elementary, Box 1262, Miles City, MT 59301 406-232-4903
SH Elementary, HC 32, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-5555
SY Elementary, HC 40, Miles City, MT 59301 406-421-5442
Trail Creek Elementary, HC 80 Box 4, Ismay, MT 59336-9701 406-421-5595
Twin Buttes Elementary, Crow Rock Stage, Miles City, MT 59301 406-354-7271

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyer periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The **Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry** are updated annually, usually in June. The **Top Employers** are updated annually. **Per Capita Income** statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The **Annual Average Labor Force Information** is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

Custer County Employment By Industry*

Annual Averages 1997

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	462	4,727	\$95,376,024
PRIVATE BUSINESS	422	3,525	\$81,501,071
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISHING	14	98	\$1,699,377
Agriculture Production Livestock	7	78	\$1,121,899
Agriculture Services	4	10	\$192,926
CONSTRUCTION	43	172	\$4,829,594
General Building	14	14	\$232,615
Heavy Construction	8	74	\$3,033,139
Special Trade	22	94	\$1,583,840
MANUFACTURING	13	183	\$3,356,840
Food Products	5	34	\$501,150
Printing-Publishing	3	72	\$1,013,179
TRANS, COMMUN, UTILITIES	31	208	\$5,118,352
Trucking- Warehousing	14	53	\$1,041,976
Communication	3	13	\$354,102
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	5	39	\$1,050,191
WHOLESALE TRADE	27	220	\$4,378,818
Durable Goods	12	99	\$2,277,076
Nondurable Goods	15	120	\$2,100,742
RETAIL TRADE	104	1,119	\$13,334,810
Bldg Materials-Garden	6	71	\$1,307,734
General Merchandise	3	126	\$1,349,864
Food Stores	6	150	\$1,957,972
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	19	185	\$3,243,583
Apparel & Accessories	12	42	\$391,787
Furniture Stores	9	25	\$385,232
Eating & Drinking	33	417	\$3,371,239
Miscellaneous Retail	18	100	\$1,327,229
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	42	240	\$5,380,322
Banking	9	109	\$2,924,121
Security & Commodity	3	5	\$108,104
Insurance Carriers	4	12	\$231,772
Insurance Agents	11	39	\$787,508
Real Estate	11	34	\$324,124
Holding & Investments	4	31	\$695,582
SERVICES	144	1,281	\$23,403,658
Hotels & Lodging	9	116	\$818,561
Personal Services	10	48	\$535,902
Business Services	10	23	\$159,894
Auto Repair Services	8	32	\$839,064
Miscellaneous Repair Services	5	18	\$289,373
Motion Pictures	3	22	\$107,563
Amusement & Recreation	9	98	\$1,287,866
Health Services	36	597	\$14,875,086
Legal Services	12	45	\$754,620
Educational Services	3	29	\$433,815
Social Services	8	163	\$2,010,929
Membership Organizations	5	25	\$237,707
Engineering Services	12	42	\$1,126,088
Private Household	9	14	\$68,409
GOVERNMENT	40	1,202	\$33,874,953
State	12	280	\$7,449,996
Local	14	530	\$12,080,602
Federal	14	392	\$14,344,355

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Totals may not add due to rounding

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,067	\$16,005	\$16,618	\$17,709	\$17,709	\$18,602	\$19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Custer County	\$3,738	\$10,092	\$14,945	\$16,005	\$16,929	\$18,086	\$17,991	\$18,835	\$19,185
% of National Average	92%	100%	78%	81%	82%	85%	81%	81%	78%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, Released May 1998

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Annual Average Labor Force For Custer County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem-ployed	Unem-employment Rate
1970	4,837	4,684	153	3.2%
1971	4,754	4,570	184	3.9%
1972	4,835	4,628	207	4.3%
1973	4,901	4,713	188	3.8%
1974	5,266	5,081	185	3.5%
1975	5,439	5,212	227	4.2%
1976	5,400	5,204	196	3.6%
1977	5,603	5,323	280	5.0%
1978	5,961	5,672	289	4.8%
1979	5,974	5,773	201	3.4%
1980	6,210	5,971	239	3.8%
1981	6,166	5,866	300	4.9%
1982	6,256	5,870	386	6.2%
1983	6,581	6,174	407	6.2%
1984	6,872	6,503	369	5.4%
1985	6,767	6,394	373	5.5%
1986	6,755	6,329	426	6.3%
1987	6,667	6,296	371	5.6%
1988	6,417	6,121	296	4.6%
1989	6,028	5,731	297	4.9%
1990	5,937	5,643	294	5.0%
1991	5,853	5,534	319	5.5%
1992	6,042	5,715	327	5.4%
1993	6,117	5,798	319	5.2%
1994	6,274	6,041	233	3.7%
1995	5,922	5,649	273	4.6%
1996	5,991	5,713	278	4.6%
1997	5,986	5,711	275	4.6%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	5,657	3,034	2,623
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	1,259	646	613
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	495	356	139
Professional Specialty Occupations	764	290	474
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	1,487	479	1,008
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	139	68	71
Sales Occupations	609	330	279
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	739	81	658
Service Occupations	1,143	392	751
Private Household Occupations	30	5	25
Protective Service Occupations	122	97	25
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	991	290	701
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	628	535	93
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	441	407	34
Mechanics and Repairers	186	171	15
Construction Trade	179	71	8
Extractive Occupations	10	10	0
Precision Production Occupations	66	55	11
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	662	562	99
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	181	140	41
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	328	200	5
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	153	113	43
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	10	0	10

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1990 Census of Population and Housing												
Persons by Age, Race and Sex												
School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	1,258	624	2	1	30	11	2	2	23	9	7	3
12-14	513	238	0	0	15	7	2	0	3	1	3	1
15-17	573	234	3	1	35	1	1	1	19	5	10	3
18-21	570	296	2	0	24	9	1	1	9	4	4	3
Total	2,914	1,392	7	2	104	28	6	4	54	19	24	10
Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	8,714	4,549	6	1	126	52	21	11	109	51	45	21
16-64	6,737	3,430	5	0	123	51	18	10	96	43	41	19
18+	8,320	4,386	6	1	99	51	20	10	97	49	39	20
18-64	6,343	3,267	5	0	96	50	17	9	84	41	35	18
Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	734	368	1	0	17	8	2	2	18	14	5	4
5-17	2,344	1,096	5	2	80	19	5	3	45	15	20	7
18-44	4,132	2,140	5	0	80	40	12	5	65	33	28	14
45-64	2,211	1,127	0	0	16	10	5	4	19	8	7	4
62+	2,335	1,316	1	1	4	2	3	1	14	9	5	3
65+	1,977	1,119	1	1	3	1	3	1	13	8	4	2
Total	11,398	5,850	12	3	198	78	27	15	160	78	64	31
Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896												

Custer County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Custer County	County of Work	# Who Live in Custer County
Out of State	10	Out of State	44
Custer County	5,014	Custer County	5,014
Garfield County	14	Dawson County	20
Prairie County	35	Fallon County	14
Rosebud County	43	Gallatin County	14
Stillwater County	10	Powder River County	17
Yellowstone County	18	Prairie County	16
Other Montana Counties	32	Rosebud County	61
		Yellowstone County	21
		Other Montana Counties	44

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics